ഞ്ചെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ഭേദഗതി ബിൽ നിയമസഭയിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ആ ബില്ലിനെപ്പററി വിചാരണചെയ്യുന്നതിനു ഒരു കമ്മിററിയേയും നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഇനി ഇതിൽ ചെയ്യാനുള്ളതു് ഒരുസംഗതിയാണു്. ഇരുകക്ഷികൾക്കും കഴിയുന്നത്ര സൌകര്യം കിട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണം സാദ്ധ്യമായ സൌജന്യങ്ങൾ വേണ്ടിവന്നാൽ ഓരോ കക്ഷിയും ചെയ്യണം. ഏതു വിധത്തിലും റഗുലേഷൻ കൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ സൌകര്യം ഇരുകക്ഷികൾക്കും കിട്ടണമെന്നു എല്ലാവരും വിചാരിക്കണം.

[The member was referred to the earlier reply given to another member and told that the Select Committee of the Legislative Council would consider the suggestions also before arriving at a final decision.

The Round Table Conference was composed of representatives of both the *Jenmies* and *Kudiyans*. If both the parties clung to their existing rights and privileges and held that those rights and privileges should not be impaired, no change could be made in the existing law. The representatives at the conference after long deliberation proposed certain amendments to Regulation V of 1071, keeping always in view that, as far as possible, the rights of both the parties should be unimpaired. The Government thought that the conclusions arrived at by the conference would be beneficial to both parties and they accordingly introduced an amendment bill in the Council and referred it to a Select Committee. What remained now to be done was this. Both the parties should see that, as far as possible, their rights are not encroached upon by the other and that both should be benefited more by the amendment bill by a generous gesture to give and take.]

27. Introduction of legislation relating to the marriage of, and succession and inheritance among, Pulayas.

MR. DAIVATHAN KUNJAN (*Nominated*) spoke about the need for legislation relating to marriage, inheritance and succession in the Pulaya community. Owing to the absence of legislation relating to succession and inheritance among them, there was unnecessary litigation in regard to the holding of land by the Pulayas and consequently they were not able to reap the full benefit of the concessional registry of lands sanctioned by the Government. There was also no uniformity in court decisions. While some courts held that Pulayas were *makkattayis*, others ruled that they were *marumakkattayis*. The member's view was that the Pulayas were *makkattayis* from very early days and the proposed legislation should be to that effect.

In regard to marriages also, the absence of a legislative measure was a serious handicap. A Pulaya could not take legal action against another who had committed adultery with his wife or even remarried her without his consent, because there was no law validating a marriage among the Pulayas. A law in this respect was absolutely necessary with a view to promote orderly and settled life among the Pulayas.

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There was no Pulaya member in the Legislative Council who could bring forward bills to the above effect. The member therefore reiterated his prayer at the previous session for the nomination of a Pulaya member to the Legislative Council.

His next request was for the nomination of Pulaya members from North and Central Travancore to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly every year.

There were in the Pulaya community members who were qualified for admission to the public service. Orders should be issued to heads of departments to entertain such men in service. Stipends should be given to Pulaya pupils studying in the Sanskrit and English schools, especially to those studying in the Pourasthyakalasala Sanskrit School at Pullad.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Daivathan Kunjan, നിങ്ങൾ ആദ്യമായിട്ടു മുൻപോട്ടുവെയ്ക്കുന്നതിലെ ദായക്രമത്തേയും വിവാഹത്തേയും സംബന്ധിച്ച നിയമശാസനം ഉണ്ടാകണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ചില വിചാരണകൾ നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇപ്പോൾ നിങ്ങളുടെ സമുദായത്തിൽ ഭൂരിപക്ഷം ജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഒരു നിയമശാസനം വേണമെന്ന അഭിപ്രായമുള്ളതായി പറയാൻ തരമില്ല. എന്നാലും ഗവണ്മെൻറു ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചു തീർച്ചചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

പിന്നീടു നിങ്ങളുടെ ജാതിക്കാർക്കു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ കൂടുതൽ സൌജന്യം ചെയ്തു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗത്തിലുള്ള കുട്ടികൾക്കു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവിഷയത്തിൽ അനേകം സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ചെയ്തുവരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു് നിങ്ങൾക്കു തന്നെ അറിയാം. കൂടുതൽ സൌകര്യം ചെയ്തു തരണമെന്നു നിങ്ങൾ നിവേദനത്തിൽ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു വിദ്യാഭ്യാസഡയറക്ടർക്കു എഴുതി അയച്ചു അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം വരുത്തി ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നു ആലോചിക്കാം.

[The Government have made certain enquiries on the subject of promulgation of a law regulating the marriage of and inheritance and succession among Pulayas. The enquiries do not show that the majority of the community are in favour of such legislation. The Government will, however, consider the question again and, if they are convinced of the necessity of such legislation, arrange for the introduction of a bill for the purpose into the Legislative Council.

As regards education, Government have been granting several concessions to pupils belonging to the depressed classes. The request for the grant of further concessions will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction and on receipt of his reply the matter will be considered by the Government.]

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